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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE U.S.-IAEA COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO  
SUPPORT MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY CONTROL PROGRAM IN CENTRAL  
AMERICAN AND MEXICO

1. TWO EXPERTS FROM ANIMAL PLANT HEALTH SERVICE OF USDA  
HAVE BEEN VISITING IAEA THIS WEEK FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS  
RE A PROPOSED USDA/IAEA COOPERATIVE PROGRAM WHICH MIGHT BE CARRIED OU  
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BY IAEA IN SUPPORT OF A MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY CONTROL PROGRAM  
IN MEXICO/CENTRAL AMERICA (ISTHMUS OF TEHUANTEPEC).

PROPOSED USDA/IAEA PROGRAM UNDER CONSIDERATION WOULD INVOLVE  
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LARGE-SCALE REARING AND SUPPLY BY IAEA OF STERILE MED FILES  
(ABOUT 25 MILLION PER WEEK FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR) FOR  
AIR SHIPMENT TO GUATEMALA FOR USE IN ESTABLISHING CONTROL  
BARRIER IN ISTHMUS OF TEHUANTEPEC REGION. ADDITIONALLY,  
IAEA WOULD UNDERTAKE RESERACH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK  
RELATED TO IMPROVEMENT OF PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES OF  
MED FLY. PROPOSED PROGRAM ENVISIONS USDA FUNDING

UNDER A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT WITH IAEA ON ORDER OF \$150,000. SUPPLY OF STERILE MED FLIES WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL PRODUCTION FACILITY IN SAN SALVADOR IS COMPLETED SOME TIME NEXT YEAR. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORT MIGHT CONTINUE BEYOND THAT TIME.

2. MISOFF MET WITH USDA EXPERTS (AL HIGGINS AND JOHN JAHNSON) AND IAEA STAFF FOR BRIEFING ON THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM. IF USDA/APHIS DECIDES TO PROCEED, THEY WILL BE CONTACTING JILLSON, IO/SCT, RE LINITIATION OF FORMAL PROPOSAL TO IAEA. MISOFF NOTED THAT ONCE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED BETWEEN USG AND IAEA, WE WOULD PREFER THAT CLOSE AND DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICAL STAFFS INVOLVED BE ENCOURAGED IN CARRYING OUT SUCH PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT: MISSION WELCOMES STEPPED UP U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN MED FLY CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA AND BELIEVES THIS IS LONG OVERDUE. WE ARE PLEASED THAT IAEA'S EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE RELATED TO MED FLY HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY U.S. EXPERTS INVOLVED IN SUCH ACTIVITIES. IAEA HAS LONG BEEN AN ADVOCATE OF THE USE OF THE STERILE INSECT RELEASE TECHNIQUE FOR INSECT AND PEST CONTROL ERADICATION, AND HAS ANXIOUSLY ON A LARGE-SCALE TO DEMONSTRATE ITS VALUE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF INCREASING CONCERNS OVER ENVIRONMENTAL EFFORTS OF LARGE-SCALE APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONAL TECHNIQUES INVOLVING USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF INSECTICIDES AND PESTICIDES. WE ARE HOPEFUL, THEREFORE, THAT THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM, IF APPROVED, WILL PROVE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO USDA AND IAA. END COMMENT. STONE

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